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SUBJECT: GN-FSLN SHOOTOUT

REF: MANAGUA 2106

SUMMARY: A FURTHER GN-FSLN SHOOTOUT TOOK PLACE ON MAY 14 IN MANAGUA. THE GN CAME OUT AHEAD: FIVE DEAD VERSUS ONE WOUNDED.
END SUMMARY

1. ON MAY 14 FIVE PERSONS, FOUR OF THEM FEMALE, DIED IN TWO SEPARATE BUT RELATED SHOOTOUTS WITH THE GN IN MANAGUA. ONE GN ENLISTEE WAS WOUNDED AS WERE FOUR PASSERSBY. THE GN ANNOUNCED THE FIVE WERE FSLN MEMBERS AND EVIDENCE SEEMS TO SUBSTANTIATE THE CLAIM. ONE HAS BEEN PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS ANGELA MARIA MORALES AVILES. SHE WAS A 27 YEAR OLD TEACHER WHOSE BROTHER, A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, DIED TRYING TO ESCAPE THE GN IN 1973. MORALES REPORTEDLY HAD LEFT NICARAGUA IN 1972 VIA MEXICO FOR HAVANA AND MOSCOW AND DID NOT RETURN TO MANAGUA UNTIL 1974.

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2. WHEN THE GN TRIED TO STOP A MAN FOR QUESTIONING IN THE MANAGUA CENTRAL MARKET HE DREW A GUN, WOUNDED THE RECRUIT AND ESCAPED. THE GN ESTABLISHED SURVEILLANCE AT A NEARBY HOUSE BELIEVED TO BE AN FSLN SAFEHOUSE. WHEN TWO WOMEN INCLUDING MORALES DEPARTED THE HOUSE THEY WERE FOLLOWED AND LATER STOPPED FOR QUESTIONING. MORALES DREW A PISTOL AND INITIATED THE SHOOTOUT IN

WHICH SHE AND HER COMPANION DIED. AN ASSAULT WAS THEN MADE ON THE SAFEHOUSE RESULTING IN ANOTHER SHOOTOUT WHICH ENDED IN THE DEATH OF THE THREE OCCUPANTS WHICH INCLUDED THE MAN WHO EARLIER HAD ESCAPED.

3. COMMENT: THE GON HAS FULLY REPORTED THESE EVENTS AS AN INDICATION OF A CONTINUED THREAT TO THE PEACE WHICH JUSTIFIES THE MAINTENANCE OF MARTIAL LAW. SINCE THE ATTACKS ON TWO GN PATROLS EARLIER IN THE MONTH (REFTEL) THE GN IS CLEARLY ON THE ALERT AND SHOOTING TO KILL. HOWEVER, UNLIKE THE EARLIER INCIDENT THE GN WAS ON THE OFFENSIVE AND IN CONTROL IN THE LATEST SHOOTOUT.
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